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FORMER SOVIET KGB AGENT:
SADAT ASSASSINATION TRIUMPH FOR SOVIET POLICY
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LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- VLADIMIR SAKHAROV THINKS T
NOT DIRECTLY ASSASSINATE ANWAR SADAT, BUT ESTABLISH
THAT PROVOKED OTHERS TO KILL THE EGYPTIAN LEADER, S...
FOR SOVIET POLICY.

SAKHAROV HAS GROUNDS FOR HIS SUSPICION OF THE RUSSIAN SECRET SERVICE.

HE USED TO BE ONE OF ITS AGENTS IN EGYPT.

"THE SOVIET UNION CREATED THE BACKGROUND FOR THIS AND THEY SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE," SAKHAROV SAID IN AN INTERVIEW.

"THEY PROBABLY DID NOT DO THIS DIRECTLY, BUT THEY CREATED A FERTILE GROUND FOR THIS SORT OF THING, CREATING A VICIOUS HATRED OF SADAT BY ARABS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE EGYPT, THROUGH PROPAGANDA ON MOSCOW RADIO, TASS, PRAVDA, MANY PUBLICATIONS OR BROADCASTING STATIONS THEY SUPPORT.

"THE PRIMARY THRUST OF SOVIET POLICY IN THAT AREA FOR YEARS HAS BEEN TO UNDERMINE SADAT AND THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS.

"THERE WAS ALSO A PERSONAL ELEMENT INVOLVED. SADAT HURT THE SOVIETS TWICE, ORDERING SOVIET EXPERTS OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THEY ALWAYS HATED HIM FOR THAT.

"THIS ASSASSINATION IS MOST DEFINITELY A STEP FORWARD FOR SOVIET POLICY."

SAKHAROV WAS ONCE ONE OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF THAT POLICY, UNTIL HE BECAME A DOUBLE AGENT FOR THE CIA AND DEFECTED TO THE UNITED STATES 10 YEARS AGO. NOW 36, HE LIVED UNDER AN ASSUMED IDENTITY UNTIL HE SURFACED THIS SUMMER.

SAKHAROV, THE SON AND GRANDSON OF SOVIET DIPLOMATIC AND SECRET SERVICE OFFICIALS, WAS GROOMED FOR YEARS TO BE A MIDDLE EASTERN SPECIALIST IN THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ONCE OVERSEAS, HE SPENT MUCH OF HIS TIME WORKING FOR THE KGB.

DISILLUSIONMENT WITH COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY AND A LIFELONG FASCINATION WITH AMERICAN CULTURE, PARTICULARLY JAZZ MUSIC, PROMPTED HIM TO ACCEPT OVERTURES BY THE CIA TO BECOME A DOUBLE AGENT.

"I HAVE A GREAT SENTIMENTAL ATTACHMENT TO EGYPT," HE SAID, "BECAUSE I SO ENJOYED LIVING THERE AND BECAUSE I OWE THEM MY LIFE."

AS A YOUNG DIPLOMAT IN 1967, SAKHAROV WAS ALONE IN THE CONSULATE IN THE REMOTE PORT OF HOSEIDA, YEMEN, WHEN IT WAS SURROUNDED BY A MOB

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